

	MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM	ISSUED	REVISED	CHAPTER	SECTION
	EMERGENCY/HOMELESS SHELTERS POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL	5/02	4/09	13	13.1
CHAPTER Chapter 13. Commodities		SUBJECT Commodities or Cash-in-Lieu			

An approved shelter may receive CACFP reimbursement and USDA commodities or cash-in-lieu of commodities for lunch and supper meals served to eligible participants. A shelter may continue to receive and use commodity foods through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) for the meals it serves to adults and children who are not eligible for CACFP, provided that its records are sufficient to establish the shelter's allotments of commodities under each program.

Note: Providers of meals to homeless children often serve a diverse clientele that includes homeless and non-homeless children and adults. In those situations where a shelter's total food service is not conducted exclusively for the benefit of eligible residential children, the shelter must keep separate records of the meals it serves. Meals served to non-eligible adults and children are not reimbursable.

Commodities are foods purchased by USDA in large quantities. Products purchased may include beef, canned or fresh fruits and vegetables, grain products, peanut butter, or other available products. The USDA distributes these products, through state outlets, to eligible agencies.

Shelters receiving commodities must sign a contract with the Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Family Services. Signature of this contract indicates that the shelter agrees to abide by terms and conditions contained within the contract. Shelters must be able to accurately document the number of meals served to eligible children in the CACFP.

Cash-in-lieu of commodities is a monetary payment for each lunch or supper served. A shelter receiving cash-in-lieu of commodities will receive a per lunch/supper meal reimbursement. This payment is equivalent to the dollar value of the commodity allotment.

Each year during the application process, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services – Bureau of Community Food and Nutrition Assistance (MDHSS-BCFNA) asks each facility if they want to receive cash in lieu of commodities or actual commodities. If less than one-third of the facilities choose commodities, MDHSS-BCFNA will require that all institutions receive cash-in-lieu of commodities (additional money). If more than one-third of the institutions vote to receive commodities, MDHSS-BCFNA will provide commodities or cash based on the institution's preference.

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